

SEPTEMBER CROP REPORT IS OUT

MOST OF CROPS ARE ABOVE THE TEN YEAR AVERAGE IT IS SHOWN.

Many crops showed some improvement during September, and all except oats, sugar beets and alfalfa seed are better than the ten-year average in actual or respective yields according to the latest reports issued by J. A. Doelle, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Verne H. Church, Agricultural Statistician, U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Heavy rains during the first half of September caused extensive damage to beans and some injury to potatoes on heavy soils. All crops have matured well and there was little frost damage except in portions of the Upper Peninsula and northern counties of the Lower Peninsula.

The corn crop has matured exceptionally well and promises better than an average although not up to that of last year. Dry weather in August shortened the ears in many sections, especially on light soils in southern Michigan. The October 1 condition of 84 per cent indicates a total production of 60,552,000 bushels including as grain the acreage cut for silage.

The yield of spring wheat is estimated to be 14.5 bushels per acre as compared with 9 bushels last year and a ten year average of 14.2 bushels. This yield gives a total production of 52,000 bushels.

The result of an inquiry relative to the amount of wheat marketed to October 1 shows that approximately 35 per cent had left the farms of the State prior to that date.

Reports indicate an average yield of 32.5 bushels per acre of oats, giving a total production of 51,447,000 bushels or about three and one-half millions less than last month's estimate based upon condition reports. The quality of the grain is mostly good, averaging 92 per cent as compared with the ten year average of 89.

There was about an average yield of barley in the State, producing a crop of 3,551,000 bushels. The acreage is less than last year but the yield of 25.7 bushels per acre is eight bushels greater.

The buckwheat crop was shortened by the blighting of the top blooms in many fields and by some local frost damage in northern and central counties. Correspondents report a condition of 78 per cent which presages a crop of 630,000 bushels.

Digging of late potatoes is under way, and in many sections the yield is not up to earlier expectations. There has been some loss from the blight and rot on heavy lands, and some damage from leaf hoppers. The crop is of generally good quality and slightly better than indicated by the conditions reports of September 1. The present estimate is for a crop of 37,274,000 bushels as compared with 27,200,000 last year. This crop has only been exceeded twice, in 1909 and 1914. A large acreage is partly responsible for the greater production.

Unfavorable weather during the first half of September damaged several fields of beans while being harvested, reducing both the yield and quality. Present indications are for an average yield of 10.5 bushels per acre and a total production was only 2,972,000 bushels because of the much smaller acreage planted. The early crop is showing a very light pick, but the portion harvested during the wet period will pick heavily.

The condition of clover seed on October 1 averaged 90 per cent. The acreage is large and some good yields are reported. Weather conditions have been favorable for harvesting. The seed is unusually free from weeds and of good quality.

The acreage of alfalfa seed is increasing although still comparatively small in amount. The average yield as reported is 1.8 bushels per acre which is slightly below normal.

A condition of 80 per cent for field peas is reported. The weather was favorable during the early part of the season especially in the principal producing sections, but various causes later contributed to a reduction in the yield.

The condition is 82 per cent for sugar beets as compared with 85 per cent last year and 84 per cent the ten year average. Blight is prevalent and some rot is reported. The sugar content is below normal at this date. The estimated production is 707,000 tons.

The apple crop is being harvested. Baldwins are a light crop in many orchards and localities and the Northern counties not yielding up to normal in some orchards. Other varieties are mostly good. The outlook at present is for 71 per cent of a crop for the state as a whole. The quality is good in the majority of the commercial orchards but there is much inferior fruit elsewhere and some will not be harvested.

Pears show a production of 89 per cent of a crop as compared with the ten year average. The quality was generally good.

The grape crop proved to be large averaging 93 per cent. Vineyards were generally heavily loaded but rot and insect troubles reduced the yield where prevalent.

The onion crop is also large. The average yield is 280 bushels for the State as a whole while in the commercial districts yields range from 350 to 700 bushels per acre. The acreage is estimated to be 45 per cent larger than usual.

JUST KIDS—Amateur

By Ad Carter



Local News

"Blood and Sand"—next week. Dr. Barstow of St. Louis was in Alma Monday on business.

John Robinson of St. Louis was in the city on business Monday.

G. V. Wright spent part of last week in Grand Rapids on business.

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers—advertisement.

Paris Robinson who spent the summer at his cottage near Harrison, has returned to Alma for the winter.

Dr. E. G. Stryker, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones—advertisement.

Roy Barnes of Thompsonville is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnes, for a short time.

The Presbyterian Ladies' will hold a rummage sale, October 26, 27 and 28th, at the Edison-Moore building—advertisement.

Mrs. Cavanaugh of McBain arrived last week for an extended visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. M. Montross, and family.

Francis Balke of Detroit spent the latter part of last week in this city, a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Balke.

Mr. Fiverson will conduct his classes in dancing at the Masonic Hall instead of the Elks Hall. The classes will be for Masons and their families.

The Durkee Piano Co. has closed its store on Superior street for the winter and Mr. and Mrs. Durkee expect to motor through to Florida and spend the winter there.

Mr. H. K. Smith of Stockbridge, Mich., has opened a real estate business in Alma with offices in the Pol-lasky block. He will conduct a general real estate business.

Dr. John B. Kiker and family have taken up their residence in Alma for the coming year. Anyone wishing to see him professionally may do so at 623 State street or call 257.—advertisement.

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AT THE STRAND

Special mention and special attention on the part of the theater going public is due several very unusual attractions to be presented at the Strand theater during the next week.

On Saturday night in addition to the usual feature picture and comedy, there will be a special added attraction, that of the exposing of the famous Vandeville trick known as "Sawing a Lady in Half." This is a two reel subject, and has been shown in practically every big city theater in the state. It is not only startling in the extreme, but is most interesting, and well worth a special effort to see it.

On Sunday and Monday a presentation of Booth Tarkington's well-known "Penrod" will be given. Wesley ("Freckles") Barry portrays the role of "Penrod" and it is needless to say that the characterization is in the most capable hands.

The picture is in eight reels, and every one of them is simply loaded with the most delightful entertainment. It is a clever mingling of humor and pathos, but is mostly pure, unalloyed fun. To the grown-ups it means a delightful trip back to childhood days; and to the children it will be such joy as they never before experienced in viewing a moving picture. For their benefit, a special children's matinee will be given Monday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (3 days) will be presented Rodolph Valentino in "Blood and Sand."

This picture has made history in the moving picture industry. It has broken attendance records in nearly every city where it has been shown, and, although the picture is new, it has already delighted literally millions of people.

The story was written by Ibanez, who wrote "The Four Horsemen," and was arranged for the screen by June Mathis, who also prepared "The Four Horsemen" for screen purposes.

Special attention is called to the magnificent work of Nita Naldi, whom you will have opportunities of seeing in future productions.

The Strand management is paying the highest price for this picture of any picture ever shown in Alma, with the exception of "The Four Horsemen." They are entitled to your support when they bring the best pictures in the market here for Alma people to see.

"Blood and Sand"—next week.

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May all the friends who proved so kind and faithful to us during our sad hours find many just as kind and true in their time of need, which must surely come to us all.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Noffsinger, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Noffsinger, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Noffsinger, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stewart.

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